

RESULTS OF BREAKOUT GROUP TABLE DISCUSSION

QUESTION 1: What was surprising to you?

- That USDA is saying that we'll support what the states will do but don't want to mandate- therefore blame is shifted to States
- The goal of getting the rule out so quickly
- Funding for technology- what the funding can be used for
- Surprised that there was no squabbling between the states and tribes
- Hope that USDA doesn't try to drag out the roll-out of the standards
- There was a lot of group collaboration
- No surprise- expected everything that happened
- Battle of overreach and how to work together in common language
- There are trust issues
- Surprised that we are still not cracking down on multiple IDs at markets
- We are standardizing things.
- Listening sessions might be totally irrelevant to what happened
- Whatever the big states say, we have to get on board
- Will be commerce driven
- Surprised- federal minimum standard and no one objected!
- Misconception on the liability- actual limits the liability for an individual
- Amazed at the confusion with people about where the program is now and where it is going
- It's complicated
- One member not aware that when the allocator assigns a number it is in a national system
- Excited to have a listening session for us- there is a future for us to develop a trace network that might work- need to get on the train
- Surprised to hear that the tribes mistrust their state partners.

QUESTION 2: What did you get resolved?

- Understanding the currently available resources
- Probably primarily talking about cattle traceability
- That a recordkeeping system is needed
- Record keeping system is needed, one or a few to house the data
- Didn't get much resolved- just discussion
- USDA VS are looking at IT products on the shelf and make available to the states
- More flexibility in cooperative agreement expenditures (a critical core amount of data must be made available to states on a trace – i.e., origin, location, ID
- Bookend approach at starting point for tag system
- Bookends should share cost and burden
- Concerns are similar so now refined
- Clearer understanding if what is available to us

- States are going to continue with all species except beef cattle
- Verbal commitment – Public commitment
- Barely touched surface on anything
- Essentially moved ball down field a little by addressing the issues but didn't solve anything

QUESTION 3: What possibilities do you see?

- Would like to see a market benefit for the producers- bookend approach creates the first end of the book the expense...should be shared across the industry
- We might not get a third change to get input- might become a federal mandated- should capitalize on the flexibility and the opportunity to have input
- Cooperative money could support labs systems
- Need gradual transition into higher tech
- Minimum guidelines in the CFR that animal health officials can adjust
- Producer immunity
- Better acceptance if program is done by states
- Better chance of successful tracing
- State code or number on tag
- Funding source
- Leverage animal health programs
- Possible cost savings and efficiencies
- Faster traceback
- Gradual transition to RFID
- Leverage current animal health programs
- Concentrate at point of commerce Confused on the purpose- specific disease or broader tractability
- To work regionally then merge
- Utilize broad State technology

QUESTION 4: What are you still confused by?

- Will bright tags be restricted to vets or producers
- Lack of direction
- Who would people trust?
- Consistent ID, whether it be official or not...make it clear
- Still confused by everything- very unclear
- How mandatory is it?
- General direction, steps?
- Money- how we will be able to spend under cooperative agreements
- Confused on why there isn't a relationship between age source _____ tied to the economic factors.
- Confused about distributing ear tags
- How can Cooperative Agreements be due April 1st?

- Legislature proposing realistic legislation, but the CFR has a minimum that would be helpful---a trump card
- Define what resources are available and how they will be allocated
- What isn't this a safety issue?
- If the cooperative agreements are a local decision how will they merge with a national program?
- Bookend approach- in-between initial and last movement, there are still many movements
- Working relationship between FSIS and APHIS and the collection of ID's at slaughter. Need their help or the whole system breaks down.
- Clearer understanding on the database but still a long way to go
- Why a federal rule is needed for something already being done
- What is needed from USDA if states do the tracing?
- Define what resources are available and how they will be allocated
- Cooperative agreement needs clarification
- Need USDA to stand up as the decider on the minimum requirements for automated
- Confused on the purpose- specific disease or broader tractability
- Need better understanding of states ability
- Requiring tags for interstate will be helpful
- Confused by who will be the enforcers and what the standards will be – 18 months and older?
- Data to be collected and definition not clear.
- Confusing- how can states entry requirements get resolved- if we don't have individual id we don't have traceability
- Will be mandatory, little participation in the past from no NAIS states - Need to sell to those states
- Niche markets- bison do not fit the mold- they can be wildlife or livestock- need to keep it flexible for the niche markets
- Tribal perspective needs cooperation between the entities
- Potential compliance issues with tribal residents not subject to tribal laws
- What work was done with NAIS